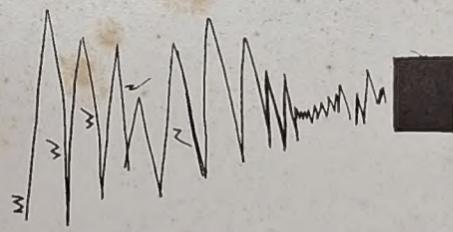


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Miss Etna Morrison

To You--Our Scarab

We are very proud to dedicate the 1959 *Scarab* to Miss Etna Morrison, mathematics teacher at Benton Consolidated High School. It was our good fortune when Miss Morrison came to Benton to teach in 1926.

Besides teaching algebra, geometry, and trigonometry, Miss Morrison has found time to help and encourage many students outside school hours. Her room is always open before and after school to students who need extra help in their schoolwork. She

also has been the sponsor of many classes, accompanies Speech students on trips, and sponsors the national mathematics society, Mu Alpha Theta.

Many students of Miss Morrison have had superior records in college and in mathematical fields.

We hope we will all measure up to your high standards, Miss Morrison, and we all would like to say "Thank You" for all your help.

—The 1959 *Scarab* Staff.



Judy McCarty,
Editor



Carolyn Browning,
Feature Editor

The Editors Speaking

We of the editorial staff of the 1959 *Scarab* wish to thank all those who in any way made the publication of the yearbook possible. Individuals we wish to especially thank are Mr. Browning, our advisor; Evelyn Payne, our assistant editor; Jim Upchurch, our photographer; and Gladys Davis, business manager. We are grateful to all the teachers at BCHS

for their co-operation throughout the school year. Also, we wish to thank Paul Hickman and Joe Bortolotto for the help they gave us with our pictures.

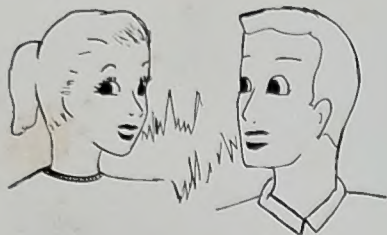
We hope everyone will be pleased with our book this year, and in future years we hope that you will remember your high school days when you glance through your 1959 *Scarab*.



Eddie Simpson,
Sports Editor



Judy Finley,
Class Editor



The Voices of BCHS

The reason we have come to high school is to learn. The voices of learning are many and varied: the clicking of typewriters, the blatant notes of the band, the silence of the study hall, and the unfamiliar sounds of foreign languages.

Sounds that are familiar to all of us and belong in learning are the sounds of the cafeteria, the clatter of dishes, the tromping of feet down the halls, and the ringing of the lunch bell.

There many sounds of the different classes. We have many subjects from which to choose our classes. We hear the sputter of chemistry and physics experiments, the discussion of history and problems, and the various chirps of birds in the biology class.

All these sounds belong in the echo of the halls and will always remain there.

You may hear the clicking of typewriters as future secretaries develop their skill.



— are the many sounds of school and most important the voice of learning.

In the beginning in September, we finally settled down to the routine of study after a happy fun-filled summer.

The first big events of the school year 1958-59 were the Homecoming parade, game, and dance. At the parade, the Latin Club won first prize for its float. The Rangers thrilled all their fans at the game by pulling an upset over West Frankfort. Dreams came true at the dance when everyone was with that "special" person to see Miss Judy McCarty crowned Homecoming Queen of 1958.

In December the highlight of the holiday season was the F.H.A. Christmas dance, the "Mistletoe Ball." The highlight of the evening was the presentation of *Scarab Royalty*. Mr. Jerry Pirtle and Miss Judy McCarty were crowned King and Queen.

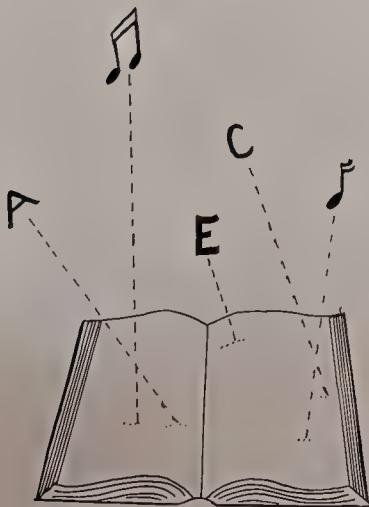
In February the big event was Heart Sister Week, sponsored by Hi-Tri.

March was the most thrilling month of all. The Benton Rangers were the "Cinderella Team of the Sweet Sixteen" when we won the Regional Tournament in Eldorado. The special event for March was the *Echo* Carnival. Daisy Mae was Marjorie Cox and L'il Abner was Gene Mitchell. Brenda Payne was selected as the new *Echo* Editor.

"Venus" was the theme of the last all-school dance sponsored by Hi-Tri. Jane Dillon was announced as the new President of Hi-Tri.

The new *Scarab* Staff was announced in an issue of the *Echo*. Evelyn Payne was chosen as the Editor for 1960.

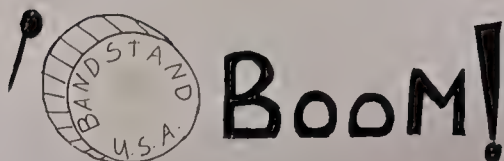
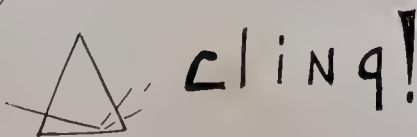
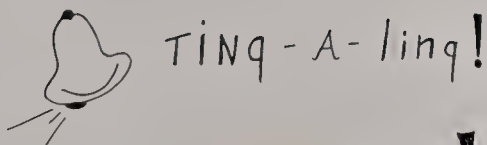
In May the seniors realized their dream and graduated on May 27. During the second week in May, the juniors worked diligently to make "The Last Roundup" successful at the Junior-Senior Reception on May 9.





Vowel sounds in foreign languages are heard as Miss Armentrout declines a noun.

The Voices Vary — some are loud brassy sounds



Open your ears and listen to the many sounds that come from the campus of BCHS. Some cannot be heard, while others are very prominent, but they all belong to the soul of our dear old alma mater.

As we reweave the book of learning of the past four years, we hear the rustle of the pages that we shall never hear again.

As we look back in the years to come, there will be many outstanding sounds we will remember: the cheering fans at an exciting ball game, the rattling of lockers between classes, the clanging of the bell after every hour, the screeching of tires, and the greetings of lifelong friends we met in high school. We shall have memories of the beat of the band at the dances, the awkward silence of our first date, and all the sounds of the other special occasions we attended.



The sound of shuffling feet characterizes the dance after a Ranger victory.

—others are almost inaudible, but they all belong in learning



Against the sound of chirping birds, Mr. Aiken explains the habits of a nocturnal animal.



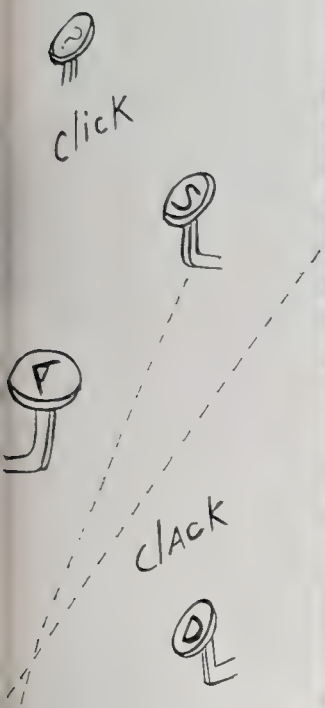


You may hear the sounds of American and English literature in Miss Burkhart's class.



Sounds of

The solution of difficult physics experiments is discussed by the physics club at one of their meetings.



Busy hands make the sound of creative ability.

Fun — Characterize the students of B. C. H. S.

The telephone rings, and the gang calls and wants to go riding. They pick us up, and we are off to the root beer stand. As we arrive at the root beer stand, the sounds of rock and roll music blast our ears as we sip the refreshments and enjoy the chatter from the surrounding cars. We also hear the syncopated rhythms of the kids dancing on the roof. As we head north on wide, smooth route 37, we hear the whine and whistle of the cars as they scurry by. Arriving at Lake Benton, we are greeted by the sound of melodic roller skates at the roller rink.

We then decide to go to the pavilion, and we hear more music with the scuff of feet on the dance floor. We also hear the sound of pin ball machines and the clinking of soda bottles.

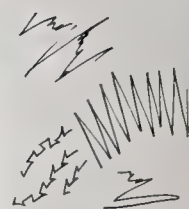
We then decide to stroll down to the pool, and we hear the splashing of water and the yelling of kids. The noise is suddenly interrupted by the shrieking of the lifeguard's whistle. He is calling two misbehaving boys. The trouble is soon taken care of, and the noise resumes.

We once again load in the car and start back for the square. On the way we meet friends and exchange hellos by the honking of horns.

As we come to the square, we meet friends and stop and talk awhile. We then take one last ride around the square and head for home. We have come to the end of a Saturday afternoon.



Sound of



You may hear the discussion of current news in problems class.

We shall always remember the silence and the suspense of exams and exuberance and yells after they were over. The proud exclamations of our parents when our name appeared on the honor roll and when we attend the Honor Banquets will remain high on our list of memories.

The quiet excitement of our first Homecoming, and the sad but more confident last Homecoming were part of our memory of BCHS sounds. The applause for our class attendants and Queen was thunderous; as was our class yell at pep sessions. We truly lived for the day when we yelled—fifteen rahs for the Seniors.

All in all it has been a vibrant four years. We have truly lived and enjoyed every moment of it, and we shall always bring to mind the sounds of fun, the excitement, and all the good times of our high school years.

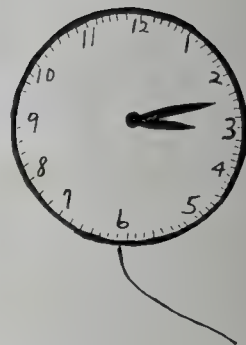
Seniors — Vibrant excitement for our last year of school.



Sell that candy, boys; we're in debt. We need money quick!

The silence of secrecy describes the class elections where all voting is done confidentially.





Sh-h-h- is the sound of the restless study hall at the end of the day.

—the study hall and semester exams.



Debate and discussion are the sounds that come from the speech class.



Students are discussing the fun at the Junior-Senior Reception.

Activities--and the sounds of doing things



G. A. A. — CRACK!! There goes the ball.

The Girl's Athletic Association is for all girls. Its purpose is to create an interest in athletics, teach better sportsmanship and promote ideas in health.

Activities are hayrides, skating, bowling, and many other sports. Twice a year there is a playday for the GAA members from different towns in this district and they engage in various sports.

The officers are: Carolyn Browning, *President*; Phyllis Stull, *Vice-President*; Marilyn Rummler, *Secretary*; Marie Brandibus, *Treasurer*; Sponsor Mrs. Kimmel; Sue Browning and Pat Mick, *Managers*.

Pep Club — The Spirit behind the Game

Mrs. Kimmel, a new teacher this year at BCHS, is sponsor of the Pep Club. The Pep Club, with its members, composed of any student wishing to join, is formed each year mainly to promote a good cheering section at both football and basketball games. The Pep Club roped off a section in the stadium for all the students to sit in and cheer at the football games. This idea proved worthwhile as was more students sitting together and yelling.





F. H. A. —The clank of Spoons

The Future Homemakers of America at B. C. H. S. is a very active group. The F. H. A. was organized in 1945. To become a member, you must have completed one semester of home economics and participated in five activities.

The club has been having night meetings. In the fall, the F. H. A. and the Future Farmers of America get together for the Farmer's Ball where a queen and king are chosen. Their other activities are Na-

tional F. H. A. Week, Style Shows, Charm Week, and Hobo Day.

The Officers are: *President*, Ruth Ann Pritchett; *Vice-President*, Esther Hays; *Secretary*, Karin Canada; *Treasurer*, Sherry Britton; *Parliamentarian*, Eleanor Rice; *Historian*, Brenda Fisher; *chairman of public relations*, Linda Smith; *chairman of recreation*, Marjorie Cox; *chairman of projects*, Shirley Gulley; *chairman of degree*, Jane Dillon.



The Board members of F. H. A. are: Annette Frailey, Dixie Kondriltz, Jerri Moore, Brenda Hughes, Myrna Simmons, Mary Lou Chance, Shirley Buntin, Virginia Knight, Mary Helen McCommons.

Student Council

The Student Council is an organization which helps promote new ideas and which governs the school. Members are elected from their respective classes and the President and Vice-President are automatically members. They take charge of all assemblies, lyceums, and class elections. Sometime during the school year, they sponsor a dance.

This year's officers are: Jerry Pirtle, *President*; Alfred Lynch, *Vice-President*; Jane Dillon, *Secretary*; Joye Moore, *Treasurer*; and the *sponsor* is Miss Jane Kirsch.

Row 1: Jane Dillon, Joye Moore, Jerry Pirtle, Alfred Lynch. Row 2: Virginia Milton, Judy Tate, Judy Short, Mary Lou Chance, Marietta Spencer. Row 3: Dick Stull, Ward Johnson, David Giacone, Joe West. Row 4: Ted Donosky, Larry Lewis, Curt Richerson, Miss Jane Kirsch.



Youth for Christ —Never Walk Alone

The officers are: Gladys Davis, *President*; Lucy Schram, *Vice-President*; Jo Nita Slawickey, *Secretary*; Nancy Peyton, *Treasurer*; Retha Holder, *reporter*; Karen Nix, *song leader*; Karen Phillips, *pianist*. The sponsor is Mrs. Kimmel.



The officers this year are: Nicki Ross, *President*; Marion Russell, *Vice-President*; Kathy Schram, *Secretary*; Edith Reed, *Treasurer*. The sponsor is Miss Adkisson, the health teacher.

Future Nurses Club



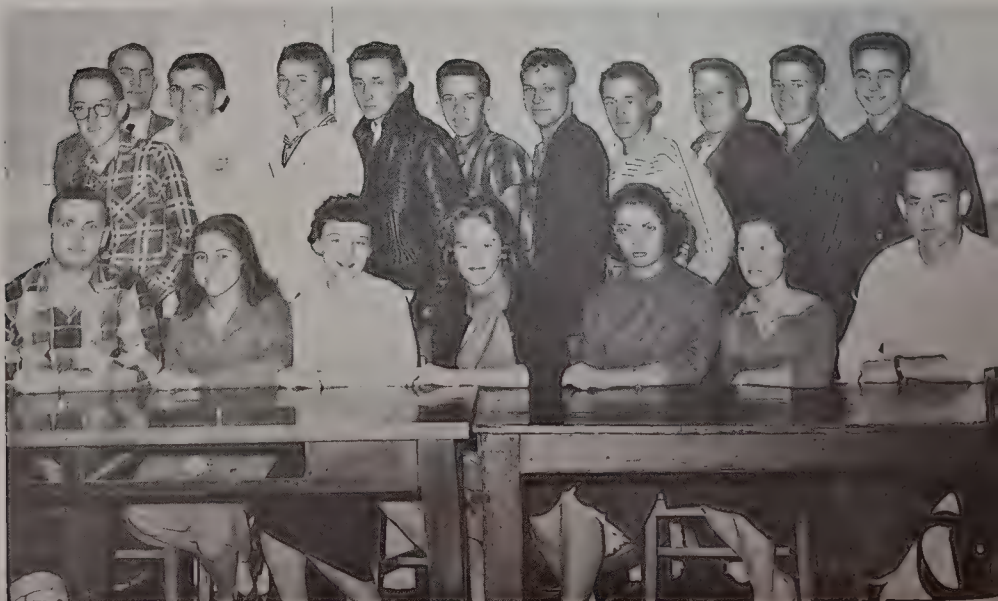
Chorus

The Chorus is both pleased and honored to have as their director Mr. Jerome Hart. This is Mr. Hart's first year at BCHS and he has done a wonderful job of directing the chorus and the band. Although the chorus has only twenty-two members, they have done many things. Two of them were to send chorus students to Carbondale on October the eleventh to the Music Clinic and to put on a Christmas concert.

The Diversified Occupation Club's members make money while they learn on-the-job training for after high school graduation occupations. These students do not intend to attend college after graduation and wish to learn a trade or occupation. They attend high school in the mornings and work in the afternoons.

The officers of the 1958-1959 D. O. Club are: Jim Hutchens, *President*, and Barbara Tedrow, *Secretary*.

D. O.



Hi Tri —Girls! Girls! Girls!

The Hi Tri includes all the girls of B. C. H. S. The Hi Tri, under the watchful guidance of Miss Margaret Armemtrout and Mrs. Alberta Hidrich, helps the girls to make friends and brings about pleasure through wholesome entertainment within the school.

The Hi Tri has several activities in which the girls look forward to with anticipation. They include the Spring Dance, the Freshman Initiation and Tea, Heart Sister Week, and many State Conferences.



The officers are: Linda Kuykendall, *Treasurer*; Joye Moore, *Secretary*; Marilyn Baldwin, *Vice-Presi-*

dent; Carolyn Baldwin, *President*; and the *sponsor* is Miss Armemtrout.

The Council members are: *freshmen* Judy Short, Judy Tate, Mary Lou Chance, and Terri Arnold; *sophomores*: Marjorie Cox, Sharon McCollum, Joyce Kuykendall, Sue Woolard; *juniors*: Nancy Johnson, Paula Jones, Jane Dillon, and Karen Phillips; *seniors*: Nicki Ross,, Laura Jones, Dixie Kondritz, and Ola Pinson.





One of the most important parts of the music department at Benton Consolidated High School is the band. They are always faithful to present a program at all of the Rangers' football games, and they are always willing to play for an assembly. The band is helpful in many other ways also: It provides ac-

tivity for those who have a talent in music and enjoyment for those who don't. We are very thankful to Mr. Jerome Hart for his co-operation and patience with the band. The officers are: Judy Finley, *President*; Jim Upchurch, *Vice-President*; and Jane Eldridge, *Secretary*.

Band —the blaring of trumpets



The capable majorettes of the band are Paula West, Janice Prowell, Nikki Cavalli, Lana Barminski, Avis Fierburg, and drum majorette, Linda Bolen, and solo twirler, Virginia Milton.

Junior Play —the sound of the juniors in dramatics

Each year one of the highlights of Benton Consolidated High School is the Junior Play. This year the play was a comedy called "Stag Line" and was under the direction of Mr. Miller, our speech teacher. Maudie, played by Esther Hays tries her best to make all the arrangements for her sister Sylvia's, Nancy Bauer, wedding to Jerry, Jerry Eubanks. Although many things go wrong, it turns out to be a happy ending. Others in the play are: Brenda Payne, mother; Robert Chapman, father; Mary Monroe, Alix; Villa Sneed, Julie; Evelyn Payne, Lizbeth; Sondra Smith, Ting; Virginia Milton, Carol; Jeff Barlow, Ronald; Judy Baker, Smitty; David Miller, Davy; Tommy Saxe, Chi; Phil Foster, Mac; Paula Jones, Margaret; and Richard Singer, Snoots.



Tommy Saxe tries to get in Esther Hays's "Stag Line."



It seems as if the same person always gets the blame for everything, and she is usually the right one.



Key Club —we need money

The Key Club is an organization for boys sponsored by the Benton Kiwanis.

The purpose of the club is to promote leadership and harmony with other boys.

The club, this year, is selling calendars and candy to pay for the bulletin board which was purchased last spring.

The officers are: Ward Johnson, *President*; Joe West, *Vice-President*; Jerry Pirtle, *Secretary-Treasurer*; Joe Kimmel, *Historian*; and Mr. Rea is the *sponsor*.

Library Club —the Stamping of Books

To be in the Library club the girls are required to serve in the library one or more hours a day. They are most efficient in the art of library science with the help of Mrs. Little. Because the club is small, their activities include visits to other cities and their libraries.

The club meets the first and third Thursday of the month. The officers this year are: Judy McCarty, *President*; Gayla Simpson, *Vice-President*; Carolyn Sears, *Secretary*; Carol Goff, *Treasurer*; Sharon Koschuch, *Historian*; Mrs. Little, the librarian, is the *sponsor*.





FBLA —to be a secretary

The Future Business Leaders of America is a national organization for juniors and seniors who take an active interest in business operation and procedure.

The purpose of the club is to expose its members to actual business working conditions. The officers for this year are: Sharon Gulley, *President*; Martha Duckworth, *Vice-President*; Kathy Parris, *Secretary*; Joye Moore, *Treasurer*; and Wilda Bridges, *Reporter*.

Chemistry Club —BOOM!!!

The Chemistry Club, sponsored by Mr. Upchurch, consists of the "A" students in chemistry, and last year's members. The club's purpose is to make experiments and explain them at meetings, prepare its members for college chemistry, and for work with chemistry involved. The officers are: Judy McCarty, *President*; Brenda Fisher, *Vice-President*; Brenda Payne, *Secretary*; and David Giacone, *Treasurer*.





Thespians

—The Voice of the
Dramatists
of B. C. H. S.

The Thespian Society consists of the students who performed in the Junior or Senior plays and students interested in dramatics. The officers are: Brenda Payne, *President*; Brenda Fisher, *Vice-President*; Judie Carroll, *Secretary*; Buzzie Johnson, *Treasurer*; Gladys Davis, *Clerk*; Annette Frailey, *Parliamentarian*;

and Phil Foster, *Sergeant of Arms*.

The Speech Club, sponsored by Mr. John Miller, is open to any student in a speech class. The officers are: Judie Carroll, *President*; Buzzie Johnson, *Vice-President*; Larry Lewis, *Secretary*; and Robert Chapman, *Treasurer*.

Speech Club—the spokesmen of the school



Physics Club

The officers of the Physics Club are: Terry Deiro, *President*; Phil Bailie, *Vice-President*; David Freeman, *Secretary*; Jeff Ferguson, *Treasurer*.



Mu Alpha Theta

This year's officers are: Alfred Lynch, *President*; Jeff Ferguson, *Vice-President*; Jim Bain, *Secretary*; and Terry Diero, *Treasurer*. The sponsor is Miss Etna Morrison.

F. F. A. —Old Macdonald Had a Farm

The officers for the Future Farmers Club this year are: Gene Pickard, *President*; Jay Webb, *Vice-President*; Haskell Haithcoat, *Secretary*; David Watkins, *Treasurer*; Larry Negreski, *Reporter*; Leroy Brandhorst, *Sentinel*. The sponsor is Mr. Bernard Finley.



HI-Y—Boys, Boys, Boys

The officers are: Eddie Simpson, *President*; John Dixon, *Vice-President*; Doug Rice, *Secretary*; Jim Summers, *Treasurer*; and Larry Parrish, *Chaplain*.

French Club —Bonjour Mes Amis

The officers are: Laura Jones, *President*; Ola Pinson, *Vice-President*; Eddie Simpson, *Secretary*; Charles Stelsreide, *Treasurer*. The *sponsor* is Mr. Shephard.



History Club —Remember When?

The officers for the club this year are: Jerry Pirtle, *President*; Judie Carroll, *Vice-President*; Judy Finley, *Secretary*; Joe Kimmel, *Treasurer*. The *sponsor* is Mr. Ernest Shephard.



Latin Club

The Latin Club is one of the most prominent groups at BCHS. It was started in 1953 and has been active ever since. Its purpose is to learn the Roman customs and the Roman way of life. Latin Club's annual party is the Saturnalia. All members come dressed as Roman citizens and a dinner is served Roman style.

The officers for 1958-59 are: Gordon Sims, *President*; Janice Foster, *Vice-President*; Mike Moss, *Secretary*; and Stephen Dicro, *Treasurer*. The sponsor is Miss Armentrout assisted by Mrs. Hidritch.



Letter Girls

Terri Arnold, Mari-
etta Spencer, Linda
Hutchens, Judy Mc-
Carly, Carol Horning
and Villa Sneed.



Trust in Me

Blue Moon

Oh, Donna

Don't Fence Me In

So Rare

Got a Match

Lollipop

Some Enchanted Evening

Turkey in the Straw



Jim Upchurch, *Photographer*;
Janet Markel, *Artist*; James
Summers, *Typist*; Brenda Fisher,
Typist.

Scarab Staff

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Joyce Anderson, Freshman Editor; Glenda Gilliam, Sophomore Editor; Karen Nix, Junior Editor; Judy Finley, Senior Editor; Eddie Simpson, Sports Editor.

We are presenting the 1959 Scarab Staff. Many evenings of time and hard work have gone into the making of this year's Scarab. We have uncovered the hardships, pleasure, and satisfaction of publishing a yearbook. We hope this Scarab will be a fond remembrance of this school year in years to come.

Karen Nix, Feature Writer; Carolyn Browning, Feature Writer; Judie Camm, Sports Writer; Lynn Knapp, Feature Writer; Mary Taylor, Feature Writer; Retha Holder, Feature Writer; Meridy Baker, Feature Writer.





Miss Judy McCarty and Mr. Jerry Pirtle, 1959 Scarab King and Queen

1959 Scarab Royalty

On December 22, 1958, Miss Judy McCarty and Mr. Jerry Pirtle were crowned *Scarab* Royalty King and Queen at the FHA "Mistletoe Ball." The King and Queen were elected by the entire student body, and the attendants were chosen by their respective classes.

The *Scarab* Royalty Attendants are: Miss Judie Carroll and Mr. Jeff Ferguson, seniors; Miss Nancy Bauer and Mr. Curt Richerson, juniors; Miss Cathy Whittier and Mr. Mike Moss, sophomores; and Miss Judy Short and Mr. Eddie Tasky, freshmen.

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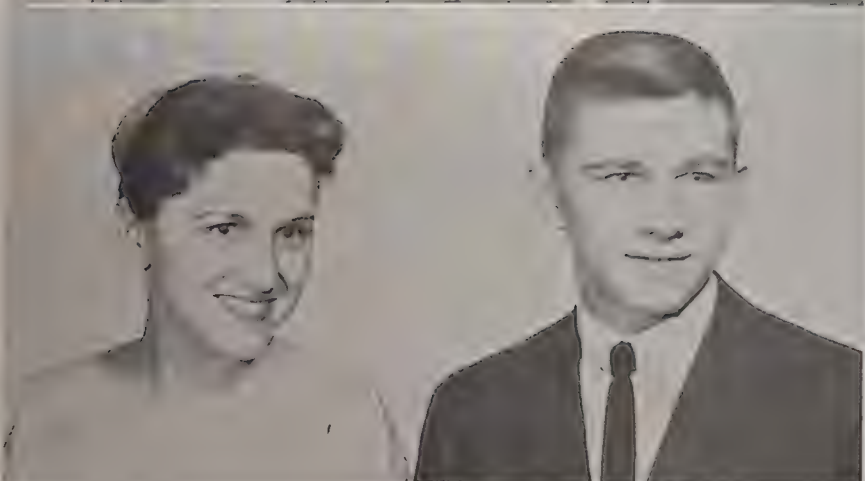
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The editors of the *Echo* discuss plans for the next issue of the school paper.

The *Echo* —the voice of school events

Lynda Simmons is the editor of our school paper. Sherry Britton and Gladys Davis, News Editors; Brenda Payne, Feature Editor; and Eddie Simpson, Sports Editor help Lynda produce a very successful paper. Jane Eldridge was chosen Exchange Editor and Judy Finley, Circulation Manager. Business Manager is Esther Hays, and the news writers are Lynn Knapp, Janet Markel, Glenda Gilliam, and Bob Bridges. Feature writers are Paula Jones and Judie Carroll. The photographer is Jim Upchurch, and the faculty advisor is Miss Ellen Burkhart. The staff meets every Monday noon and publishes a paper every other Friday.



On some Monday nights the *Echo* staff meets in the D.O. Room to make plans for the next issue.



The *Echo* staff meets before school on the Fridays we get the *Echos*.



The chipmunks play and scurry.

PEOPLE -- personalities clash and mature

Principal

Mr. Herbert Mundell, principal of BCHS, serves the community of Benton by giving advice to the faculty and students of the high school. He is always ready to take action for the good of the student body. Mr. Mundell has been the administrator of this school for seven years.

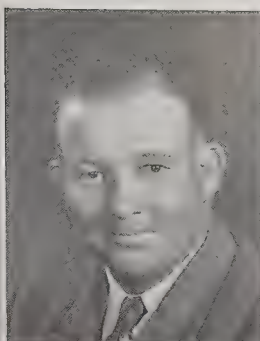


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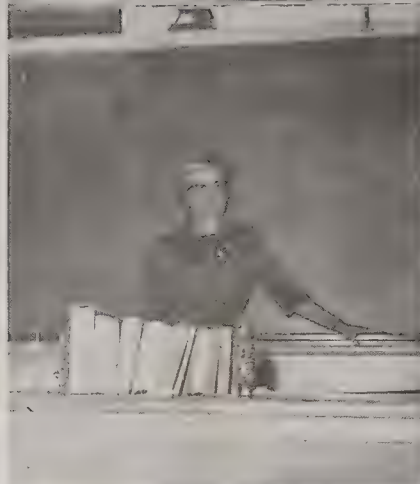
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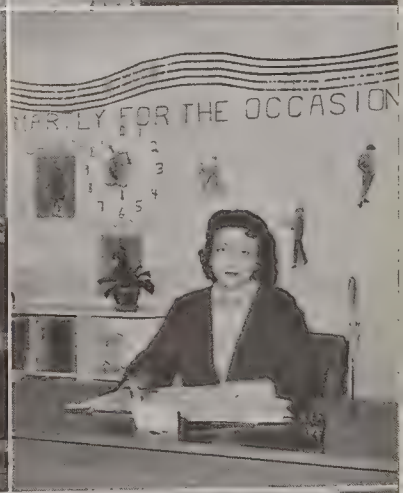
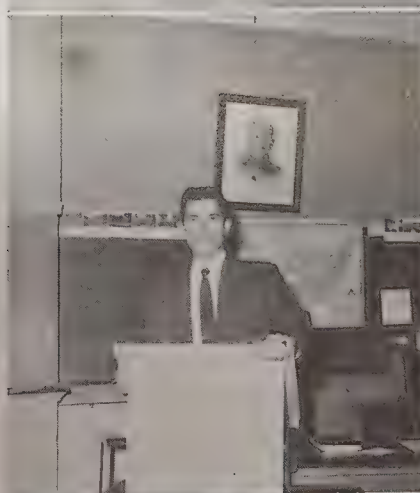
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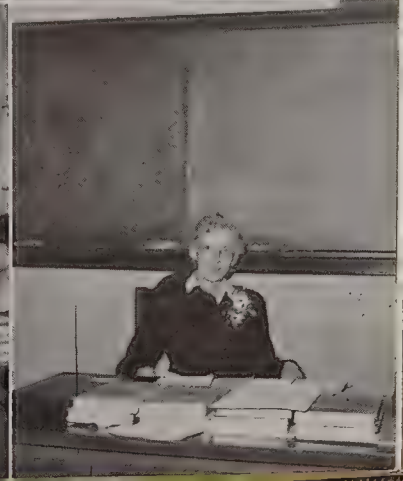
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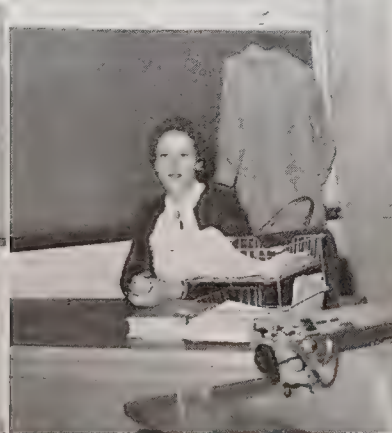
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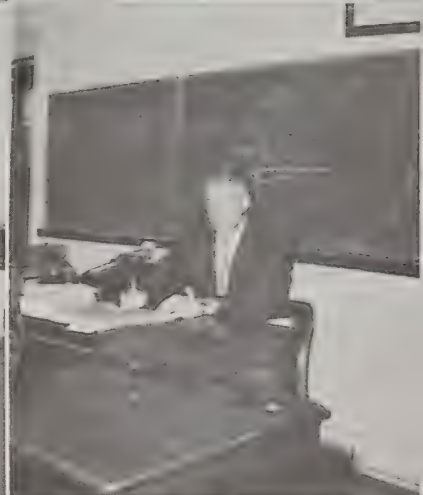
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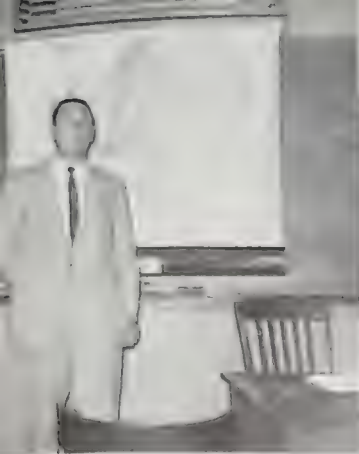


NADA HOFFMAN
B.S. Ed., SIU
English

PAULINE KIMMEL
B.S., SIU
Girl's P. E.



JANE KIRSCH
B.S., University of Missouri;
M.A., U. of I.
Problems



EARNEST SHEPHARD
B.A., U. of I.; M.A., U. of I.
History



GLENN TRULOVE
B.Ed., SIU; M.A., U. of Michigan
Health



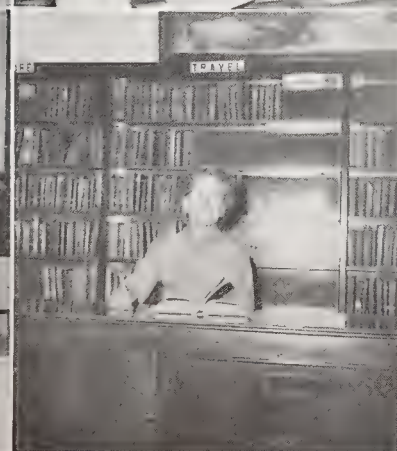
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B.S., U. of I.; M.S., SIU
Shorthand and Typing



DONALD UPCHURCH
B.S., SIU
Chemistry



MARY WEBB
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Home Economics



BONNIE WILLHITE
B.Ed., SIU
Study Hall



JOAN VINCENTI
Secretary

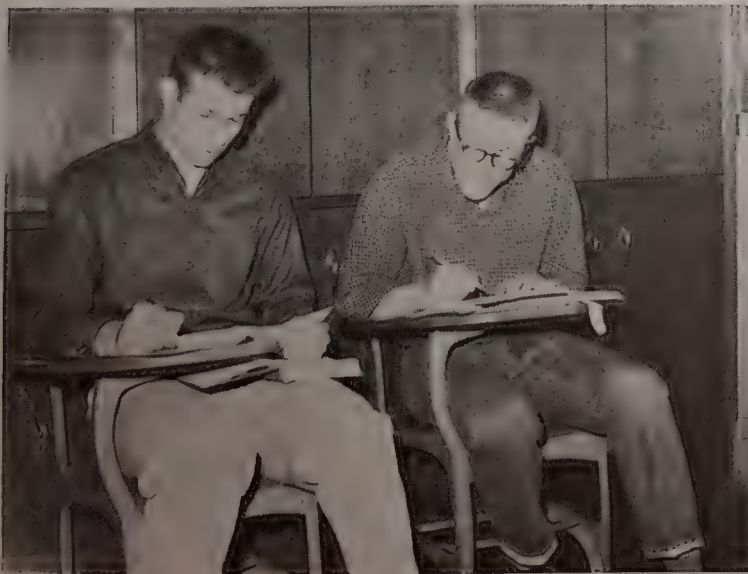


IRENE MROGENSKI
Registrar



Ward Johnson, President; Joe West, Vice-President; Judie Carroll, Secretary; Ruth Ann Pritchett, Treasurer; Miss Willhite and Mr. Miller, sponsors.

Senior Class



We are the "Sophisticated Seniors" of Benton High School. We are ready to meet our fortune after graduation. In our four years of high school we have made friends, developed interests in clubs and activities, learned a great deal, and developed our personality.

We will never forget the happy days during our high school life. We want to graduate, but at the same time we are sad. We will always remember the wonderful sounds of high school at BCHS.



JUDY McCARTY



JERRY PIRTLE



LYNDA SIMMONS

Ten Outstanding Seniors

These ten seniors were chosen as outstanding by the members of the faculty, office staff, and principal of Benton High School. The outstanding seniors were chosen on the basis of activities, scholarship, personality, character, citizenship, leadership, and attitude. The students were not chosen entirely upon their achievements in their senior year but were judged during their entire four years of high school.



JEFF FERGUSON



ALFRED LYNCH



TETTY DEIRO



RUTH ANN PRITCHETT



BRENDA FISHER



NICKI ROSS



ELEANOR RICE



Linda Joan Alexander
DO; Hi-Tri

Linda Armstrong
Chorus; FBLA; FHA; Hi-Tri;
Junior Play; Speech Club;
Thespians; YFC; Pep Club

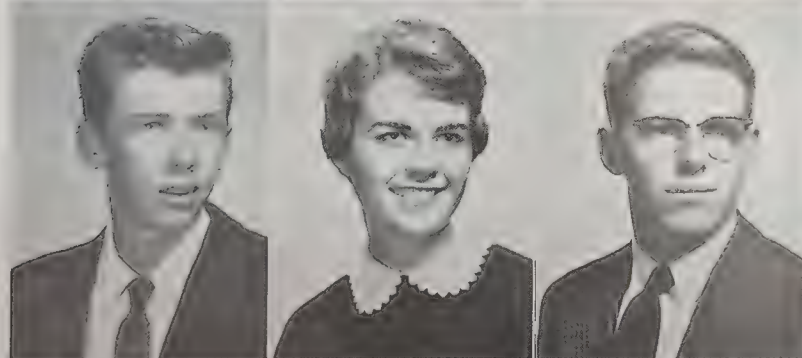
David Eugene Bailey
Chemistry Club; Lions' Honor
Banquet; Latin Club; Physics
Club; Basketball; Football



Philip James Bailie
Chemistry Club; Sophomore Class
President; Hi-Y; Key Club; Latin
Club; Mu Alpha Theta; Physics
Club; Student Council, Secretary;
Boys' State; Scarab Royalty
Attendant; Football; Basketball;
Track

Carolyn Baldwin
Hi-Tri Council, President; FBLA;
GAA; Pep Club

Marilyn Baldwin
Hi-Tri Council, Vice-President;
FHA; FBLA



George Bauer

Carolyn June Beaty
Band, Majorette; Chemistry Club;
Chorus; Scarab Staff; Echo Staff;
Hi-Tri; History Club, Secretary;
Baccalaureate Usher; Junior
Play; Lions' Honor Banquet;
Latin Club; Mu Alpha Theta;
Girls' State; Tri-M; Dance Band

Ronnie Bixler
Band; Football



Frank Bobiak
Hi-Y; Junior Play

Linda Bolen
Band, Contest, Drum Majorette;
Chorus; Concession Worker;
FBLA; FHA; Hi-Tri; History
Club; Echo Staff

Carolyn Bradley
FBLA; FHA

Marie Brandibas
 Chemistry Club; Concession
 Worker; FNC; GAA, Treasurer;
 Hi-Tri; Latin Club; Pep Club;
 Mu Alpha Theta

Sherry Britton
 Echo Staff; FBIA; FHA,
 Treasurer; Hi-Tri; Honorary
 Commencement Usher; Lions'
 Honor Banquet; YFC; Pep Club

Larry Brown
 Basketball; Football; Track;
 Concession Worker; Hi-Y



Carolyn Browning
 Chorus, Vice-President; FHA;
 GAA, President; Junior Play;
 Scarab Staff; Speech Club; FBIA

Dick Canada
 DO

Rennie Cantrell
 Football; Hi-Y; Track



Judie Carroll
 Chemistry Club; Senior Class
 Secretary; Echo Staff; Teen Town
 Council; Hi-Tri; History Club,
 Vice-President; Baccalaureate
 Usher; Concession Worker;
 Junior Play; Latin Club; Mu
 Alpha Theta; Scarab Royalty
 Attendant; Speech Club,
 President; Thespians, Secretary;
 Pep Club; Make-Up Club

Marilyn Sue Clinton
 FBIA; Hi-Tri

Jackie Connor
 FHA; GAA; Hi-Tri; Latin Club;
 Pep Club



John Chris Conner

Sandy Crisp
 FHA

Bill Darnell
 Art Club; Band; Football; FFA





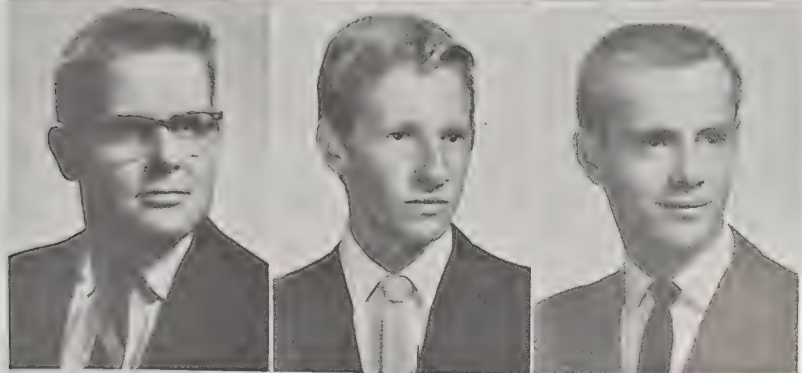
Gladys Davis

Echo Staff; FBLA; Hi-Tri; Homecoming Attendant; Honorary Commencement Usher; Junior Play; Lions' Honor Banquet; Latin Club, Treasurer; Math Field Day; Mu Alpha Theta; Scarab Staff; Thespians; YFC, President; Pep Club

Kenneth Davis

Terry Deiro

Physics Club, President; Track; Football; Lions' Honor Banquet; Latin Club; Math Field Day; Mu Alpha Theta, Treasurer; Basketball; Chemistry Club



John Robert Dixon

Band; Echo Staff; Hi-Y, Vice-President; History Club; Physics Club; Dance Band; Boys' Chorus; Tri-M

Jerrel Dungy

Larry Durham

Band; Football; Key Club



George Eikelman

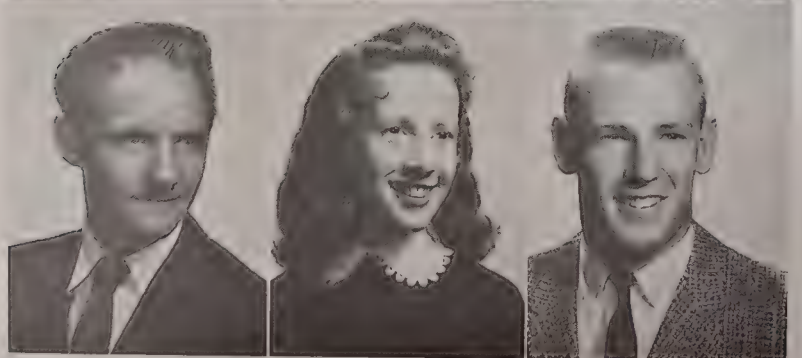
Transfer from East Alton

Jane Eldridge

Band, Secretary, State Contest; Chemistry Club; Hi-Tri; Echo Staff; Honorary Commencement Usher; Lions' Honor Banquet; History Club; FBLA; FHA; GAA

Norman English

Latin Club; Echo Staff; Thespians; Track; Junior Play; DO; Physics Club



Charles Donald Erwin

Linda Evans

Chorus; DO; FHA; FNC; GAA; Hi-Tri; Pep Club; Spanish Club

Jeff Ferguson

Basketball; Chemistry Club; Football; Hi-Y; Latin Club, President; Mu Alpha Theta, Vice-President; Physics Club, Treasurer; Track, State; Teen Town Council; Scarab Royalty Attendant

Marcia Jean Fields

Cadet; Chemistry Club; Concession Worker; Hi-Tri; History Club; Honorary Commencement Usher; Junior Play; Lions' Honor Banquet; Latin Club; Math Field Day; Mu Alpha Theta; Scarab Staff; Thespians

Judy Finley

Band, President; Chemistry Club; Echo Staff; FHA; Hi-Tri; History Club, Secretary; Baccalaureate Usher; Junior Play; Scarab Staff; Speech Club; Thespians; Tri-M; Dance Band

Brenda Fisher

Cheerleader; Chemistry Club, Vice-President; Chorus; Concession Worker; Echo Staff; FBLA; FHA, Historian; GAA; Hi-Tri; Junior Play; Scarab Staff; Speech Club; Thespians, Vice-President; Pep Club

Mary Annette Frailey

Chorus; FHA; Hi-Tri; Junior Play; Thespians; Pep Club; Tri-M; Baccalaureate Organist; Homecoming Attendant

Raymond Freels

Band; Concession Worker; Football; Hi-Y; Pep Band; Physics Club; Spanish Club; Track

David Freeman

Spanish Club; Physics Club; Football; Echo Staff

Judy Galloway

Pep Club; FBLA; FHA; FNC; Hi-Tri

William Ransome Gamble Jr.

Transfer from Houston, Texas; Chemistry Club; Key Club; Physics Club; Speech Club; Track

Ellen Gilliam

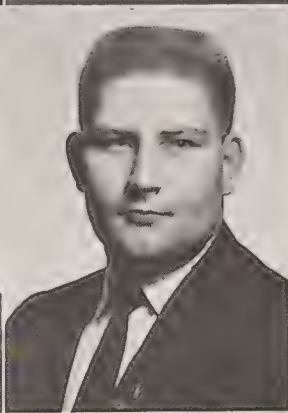
Hi-Tri; FHA; FBLA; Pep Club; GAA

Nealy Glenn

Football; Key Club; Latin Club; Physics Club

George Glover

Football; Physics Club

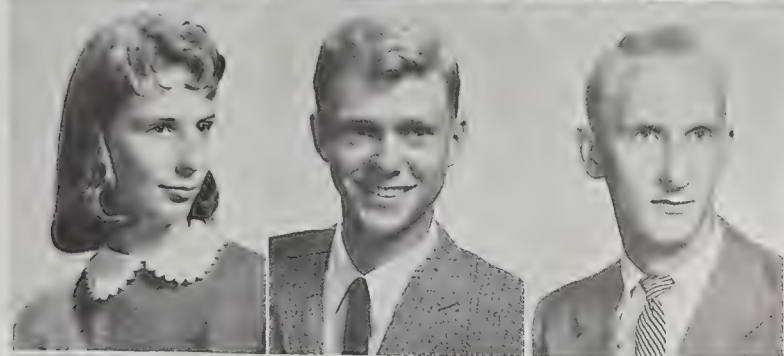
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Sharon Gulley
FBLA, President; FHA; GAA; Hi-Tri; Pep Club

Haskell Halthcoat
FFA, Banquet

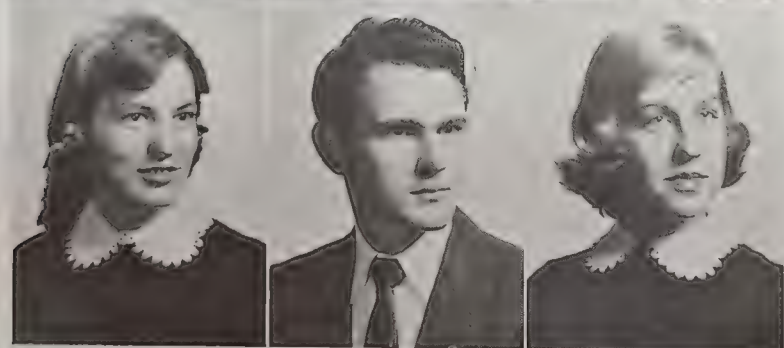
Betty Lucille Hall
Chemistry Club; Freshman Class Treasurer; Sophomore Class Vice-President; Concession Worker; Echo Staff; FNC; GAA; Hi-Tri Council; Homecoming Attendant; Junior Play; Latin Club; Student Council; Make-Up Club



Loranna Sue Harvey
FBLA; FHA; Hi-Tri

David Higginson
DO

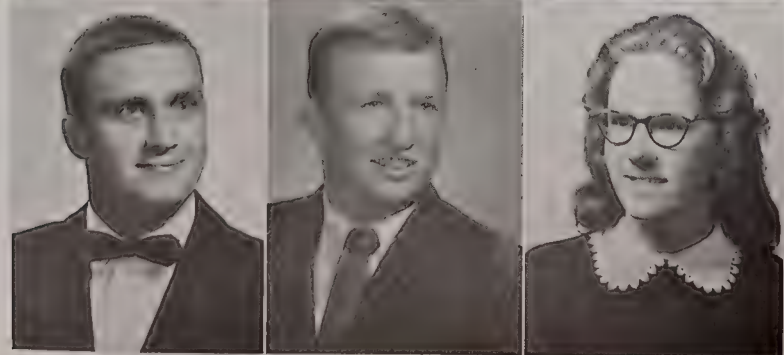
Carroll Holman
Art Club; Chorus; Track; Baseball; Pep Club; Basketball



Carolyn Sue Huffstutler
FNC; Echo Staff; FBLA; Hi-Tri

Charles Robert Hungate
Junior Play; FFA; Concession Worker; Thespians; Transfer from McLeansboro

Joann Hutchcraft
FHA; YFC; Speech Club; Thespians; History Club; GAA; Hi-Tri; Chorus; Latin Club; Echo Staff; Junior Play



Jim Hutchins
FFA; Marshal at Graduation; DO, President; Key Club; Concession Worker; Student Council; Junior Class Vice-President

Kenneth Hutchens
Football; Basketball; Track; Teen-Age Baseball

Darlene Ingram
Chorus; DO, Secretary; FHA; FNC; GAA; Hi-Tri; Latin Club

Buzzie Johnson
Hi-Tri; Chorus; FBLA; Speech
Club, Contest, Vice-President;
History Club; Junior Play; Cadet;
Concession Worker; Thespians,
Treasurer

Maxine Johnson
Chorus; FHA; Pep Club; FBLA;
Hi-Tri

Lindell Johnson
Football

William Ward Johnson
Basketball; Football; Senior
Class President; Hi-Y; History
Club; Key Club, President; Latin
Club; Physics Club; Student
Council; Speech Club; Track;
Boys' State; Teen Town Council,
President

Barbara Jones
FBLA; FHA, Section Officer;
Hi-Tri; Pep Club; YFC; Con-
cession Worker

Laura Jones
Chorus, Secretary; FHA; FNC;
French Club, President; Hi-Tri
Council; Honorary Commence-
ment Usher; Junior Play; Lions'
Honor Banquet; Speech Club;
Thespians; YFC

Norma Kerley
Chorus; DO; FHA; FNC; GAA;
Hi-Tri Council; Pep Club;
Spanish Club

Joyce Knight
FHA

Dixie Kondritz
FHA, Board; Hi-Tri Council;
Cadet; Speech Club; Thespians;
Junior Play; Sophomore Class
Treasurer; Concession Worker

Rhemm Kopp
Band; Chemistry Club; Conces-
sion Worker; Echo Staff; Foot-
ball; Hi-Y; History Club; Latin
Club; Physics Club; Speech Club;
Track; Debate Team; Teen Town
Council

Jolene Kaye Kraft
Band, Contest; Echo Staff;
FBLA; FHA; GAA; Hi-Tri His-
tory Club; Junior Play; Tri-M;
Speech Club, Contest; Thespians;
YFC; Pep Club

Linda Kuykendall
Cadet; Junior Class Treasurer;
Concession Worker; FNC, Secre-
tary; GAA; Hi-Tri Council,
Treasurer; Latin Club, Vice-Presi-
dent; Pep Club





Richard Lampley

Colleen Leffer

Chorus; Concession Worker; FBLA; Hi-Tri; Latin Club; Pep Club

Alfred E. Lynch

Chemistry Club; Junior Class President; Concession Worker; Football; Lions' Honor Banquet; Mu Alpha Theta, President; Physics Club; Scarab Royalty Attendant; Student Council, Vice-President; Marshall at Graduation; Debate Team; Boys' State



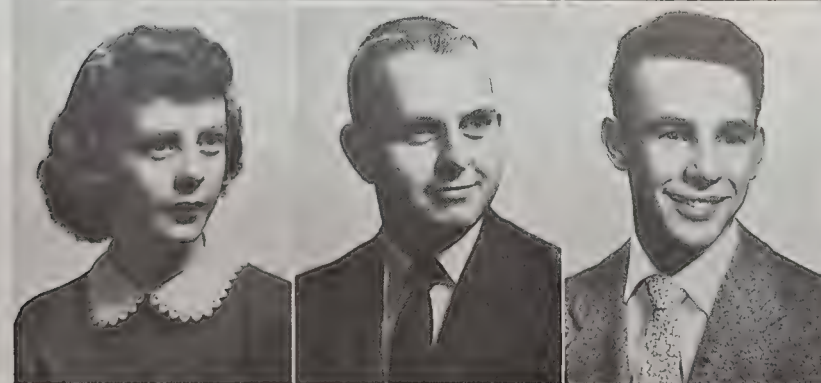
Cecil Mandrell

Janet Markell

Art Club; Echo Staff; FBLA; FHA; GAA; Hi-Tri; Junior Play; Scarab Staff; Speech Club; Thespians; Spanish Club; YFC

Judy McCarty

Chemistry Club, President; Freshman Class Vice-President; Concession Worker; Hi-Tri; Homecoming Attendant; Honorary Commencement Usher; Junior Play; Lions' Honor Banquet; Latin Club; Letter Girl; Library Club, President; Math Field Day; Mu Alpha Theta; Scarab Staff, Editor; Student Council; Scarab Royalty Attendant; Scarab Royalty Queen; Homecoming Queen



Judy McGuire

Chorus; FHA

Gary Miller

Football; Track; Manager Football and Basketball

Lindell Minor

FFA; DO



Sharon Mitchell

Chorus; FBLA; Hi-Tri; Junior Play; Latin Club; Pep Club

Henry Moore

FFA; Movie Projection Club

Joye Yvonne Moore

Chorus; Football Attendant; FFA Sweetheart; FHA, President; Transfer from McLeansboro; GAA; Junior Play; Hi-Tri Council, Secretary; Student Council; FBLA, Treasurer, State Director; Thespians; YFC; Homecoming Attendant

Phyllis Moore
Chorus; FHA; Hi-Tri

Judy Mosley
FHA; Hi-Tri; French Club

Lavern Neal
Football; Track



William Noel
Chemistry Club; Football; Latin Club; Physics Club

Diana Page
FHA; Pep Club

Kathy Parris
Hi-Tri; History Club; FBLA, Secretary; Echo Staff



Larry Parrish
FBLA, Reporter; Hi-Y, Chaplain; History Club; Junior Play

Eugene Earl Pickard
FFA, Sentinel, President; Movie Projection Club

Ola Pinson
Chorus, Vice-President; FNC, Vice-President; Hi-Tri Council; French Club, Vice-President; Latin Club

Jerry Pirtle
Football, Co-Captain; Basketball; Track; Freshman Class President; Key Club, Secretary-Treasurer; History Club, President; Latin Club; Student Council, Vice-President, President; Scarab Royalty Attendant; Hi-Y, Treasurer; Scarab Royalty King

Ruth Ann Pritchett
Cadet; Chorus; Senior Class Treasurer; Concession Worker; FHA, Vice-President of Recreation, Vice-President, McCalls' Teen Fashion Board, President; Hi-Tri Council; Baccalaureate Usher; Junior Play; Scarab Staff; Scarab Royalty Attendant; Thespians

Eleanor Rice
Cadet; Cheerleader; FHA, Treasurer, Secretary, Parliamentarian; Hi-Tri; Honorary Commencement Usher; Junior Play; Lions' Honor Banquet; Scarab Staff; Student Council





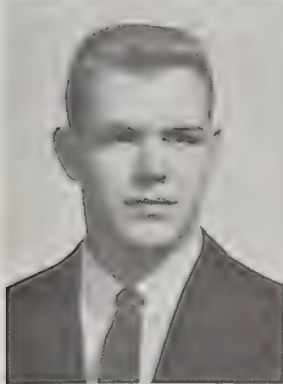
Gerald Lee Rice



Verlia Rich
Hi-Tri; GAA



James Richardson
Basketball; FFA, Treasurer; Key Club; Physics Club; Track



Paul David Roberson
History Club; Spanish Club



Nicki Jane Ross
Cadet; Chemistry Club; Chorus; Concession Worker; FNC, Secretary, President; Hi-Tri Council; Homecoming Attendant; Junior Play; Lions' Honor Banquet; Latin Club; Mu Alpha Theta; Student Council; Junior Class Secretary



Marion Russell
Cadet; Chorus; Librarian; GAA; Student Council; Transfer from Chicago, Illinois; FNC, Vice-President; Hi-Tri; Pep Club, Vice-President; GAA



Gloria Schleicher
Chorus; FBLA; FHA; Hi-Tri; Pep Club



Nancy Schulz
Chorus; FBLA; FHA; Hi-Tri



Barbara Sears
FBLA; GAA; Hi-Tri; Latin Club; Lions' Honor Banquet; Speech Club; Pep Club, Secretary



Lynda Simmons
Freshman Class Secretary; Chemistry Club, Secretary; Concession Worker; Teen Town Council; Echo Staff, Editor; FNC, Secretary, President; Hi-Tri; History Club; Junior Play; Latin Club; Mu Alpha Theta; Majorette; Baccalaureate Usher



Eddie Simpson
Chemistry Club; Sophomore Class Secretary; Concession Worker; Echo Staff; French Club, Secretary; Hi-Y, President; Junior Play; Lions' Honor Banquet; Latin Club; Physics Club; Scarab Staff; Boys' State; Spanish Club



Patricia Ann Singer
GAA; Hi-Tri; FBLA; Transfer from St. Louis, Missouri; Spanish Club; Pep Club

Brenda Sink
Chorus; Echo Staff; FHA; Hi-Tri

Donald L. Smith

Joyce Ann Smith
Chorus; FBLA; FHA, Board;
Hi-Tri; Junior Play



Larry Spencer
Chemistry Club; Football;
Physics Club; Track

Darlene Stahleber
Transfer from Peoria, Illinois;
Cheerleader; GAA; Hi-Tri;
Junior Play; Pep Club; Make-Up
Club; Spanish Club; YFC

Beverly Stewart
Hi-Tri



Nick Stewart

Ronald Stockton
History Club; Physics Club; Hi-Y

Rudy Stowers



Phyllis Stull
Chorus, President; FBLA; FHA;
GAA, Vice-President; Hi-Tri

Daniel Summers
Football; Track

James Lloyd Summers
Art Club; Band; Concession
Worker; Echo Staff; Hi-Y,
Secretary; History Club; Scarab
Staff; Speech Club; Pep Band





Shirley Summers
Chorus; Hi-Tri; Latin Club;
Speech Club; YFC

Vic Tasky
Football; Track; Basketball

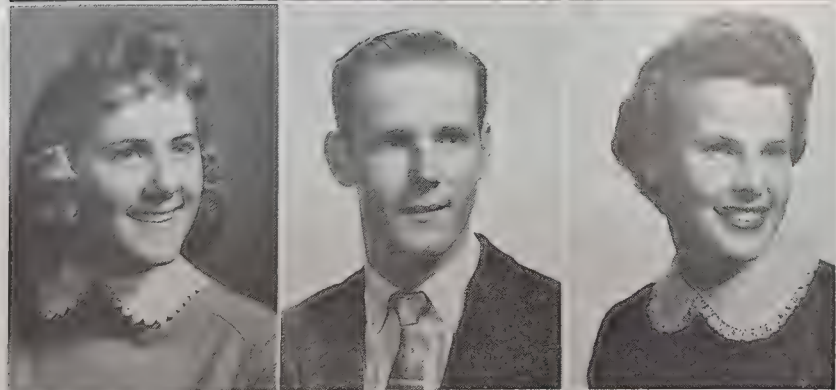
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Chorus, Trio, Accompanist, Treas-
urer, Contest; Echo Staff: FBLA;
FHA; Hi-Tri; Speech Club
Speech Club



Sandra Sue Taylor
FBLA; Hi-Tri

Mary Lou Thomas
Cadet; FBLA, Vice-President;
FNC; Concession Worker; Pep
Club; Hi-Tri; Chorus

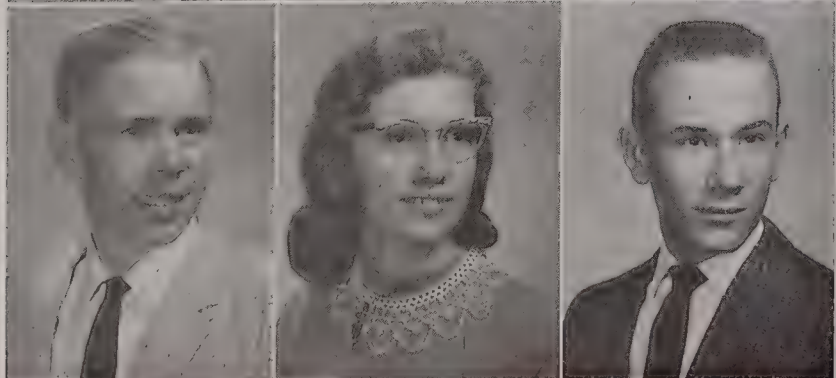
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Chorus; FBLA; FHA; Hi-Tri;
Speech Club



Carolyn Sue Todd
Chorus; Spanish Club; Hi-Tri

Marvin Upchurch

Joan Valli
Chorus; FBLA; FNC; History
Club; Hi-Tri; Latin Club;
Chemistry Club



Eldon Wade
Football; Concession Worker

Darlene Wallace
Hi-Tri

George Warren
Band; Basketball; Chemistry
Club; Football; Hi-Y; History
Club; Key Club; Track; Pep
Club; Teen Town Council,
Vice-President

Irena Warren
GAA; FBLA; Hi-Tri

Jay Webb
FFA, Vice-President; Track

Key Webb
FBLA; FHA; FNC; Band



Darrell Webber
Band; Transfer from West
Frankfort

Joe West
Basketball; Football, Co-Captain;
Track, State; Boys' State; Key
Club, Vice-President; Student
Council; Senior Class Vice-
President

Marvin Whittington



Alice Wiggs
GAA; Hi-Tri; Concession
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Ruth Skelton Williams
Band; FBLA; FHA, Board; GAA;
Tri-M, President; History Club,
Treasurer; Hi-Tri

Sam Wilson
FFA



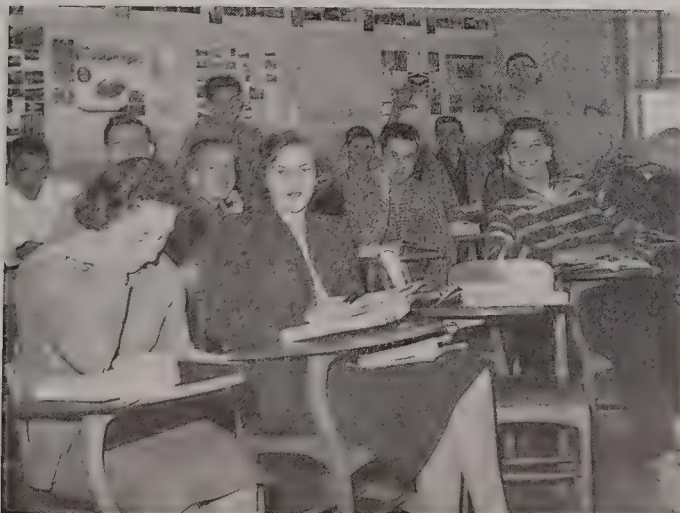
Phyllis Winemiller
FHA; Art Club; Hi-Tri





David Giacone, President; Virginia Milton, Vice-President; JoNita Slawicky, Secretary; Tommy Saxe, Treasurer; Miss Edmonds and Mr. Heinzman, sponsors.

Junior Class



We are the "Jolly Juniors" of Benton High School. We have experienced our first year as upperclassmen. We feel we are ready to take over where the seniors left off. We have gradually developed knowledge and experience of school life and are looking forward to our last year of high school.

We were hosts to the seniors at the annual Reception and participated in the Junior Play, "Stag Line."

Doris Aiken
Barbara Adams
Robert Allinson
Genieve Aumiller



Jim Bain
Paul Bain
Judy Baker
Meridy Baker



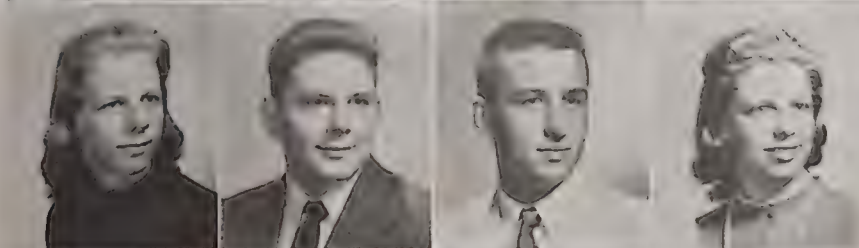
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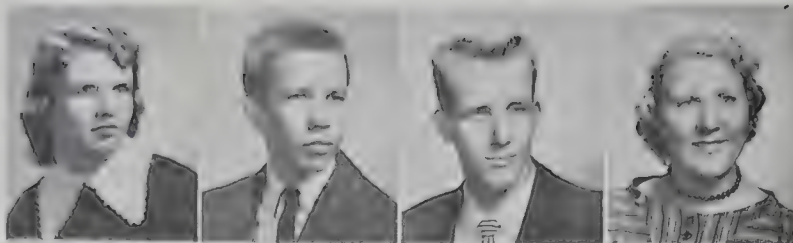
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Glenna Bryant



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Velma Burns



Martha Busiere
 Leslie Carter
 Bob Chapman
 Betty Cochrane



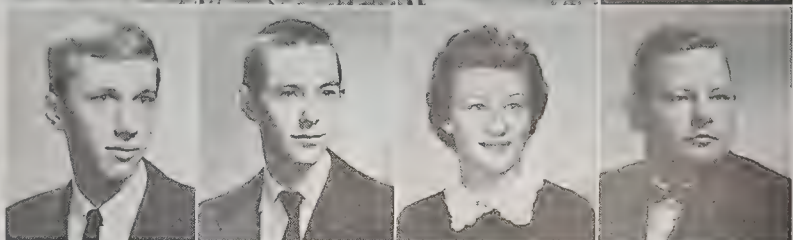
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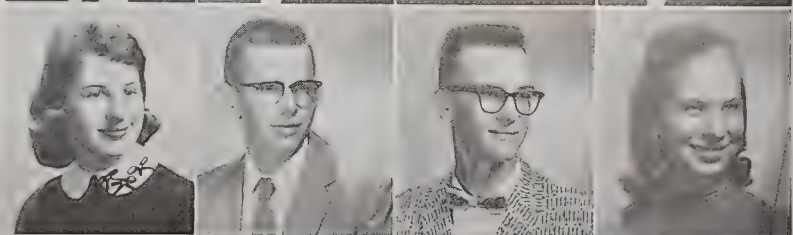
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 Judy Davis
 Louise Davis



Mike Davis
 Paul Davis
 Phyllis Davis
 Paul De Groff



Jane Dillon
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 Jerry Eubanks
 Karen Fitzpatrick
 Dick Freese



David Giacone
 Richard Glover
 Carol Goff
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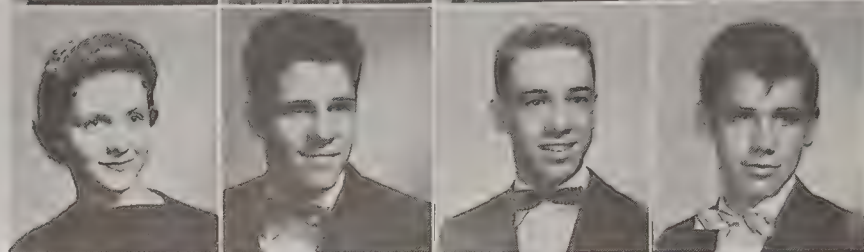
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 Ivan Gunter



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 Wanda Hall
 Margie Hammers
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Esther Hays
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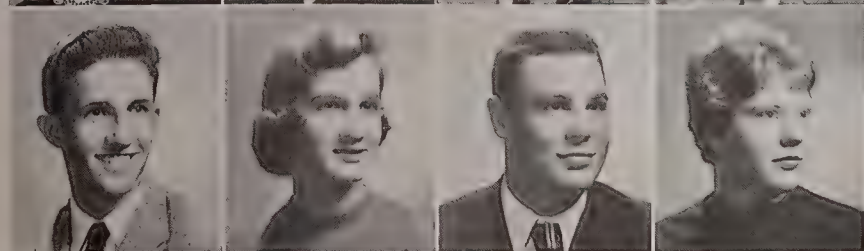
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 Jeanne Horning



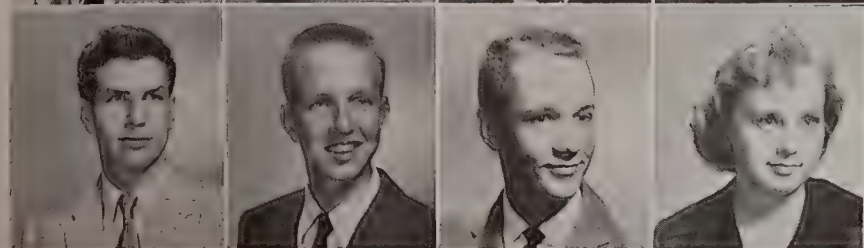
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 Jerry Johnson



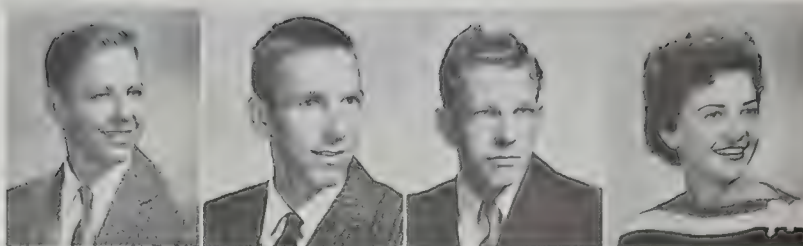
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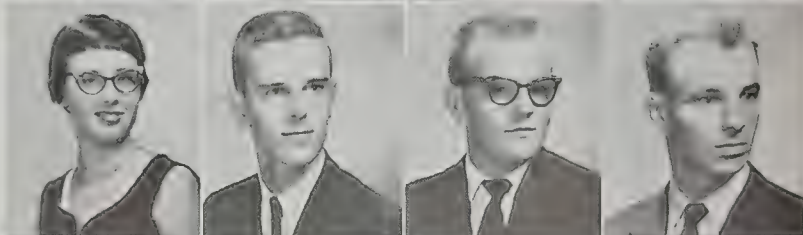
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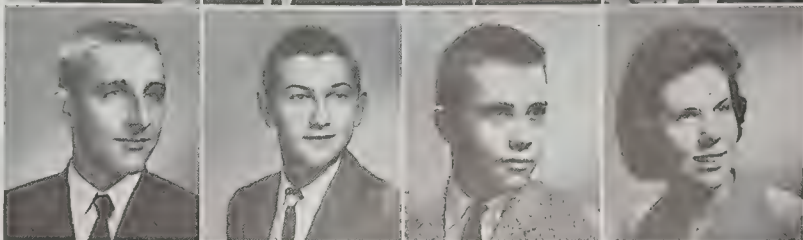
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 Richard Lampley
 Peggy Langston



Bonnie Legendre
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 Gordon Mandrell
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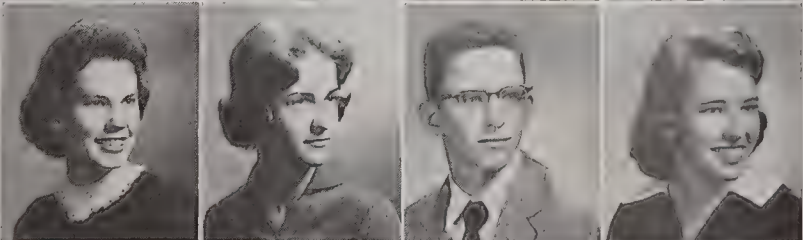
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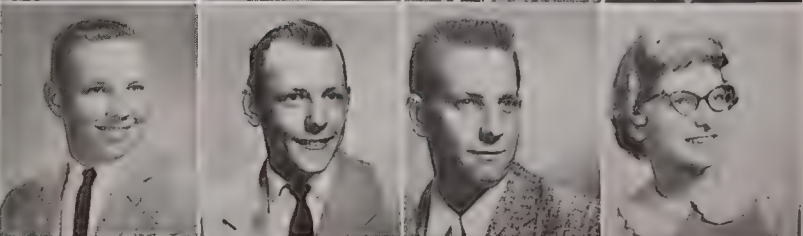
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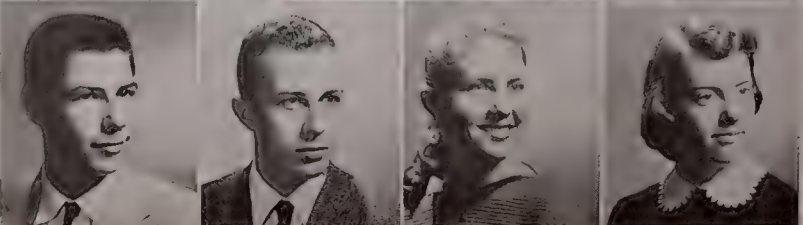
Virginia Milton
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 Gerald Moore
 Jerri Moore



Roger Mundell
 Larry Nagreski
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 Karen Nix



Larry Odom
 Ronnie Parrish
 Brenda Payne
 Evelyn Payne



Janice Payne
Phyllis Payne
Janet Peebles
Karen Phillips



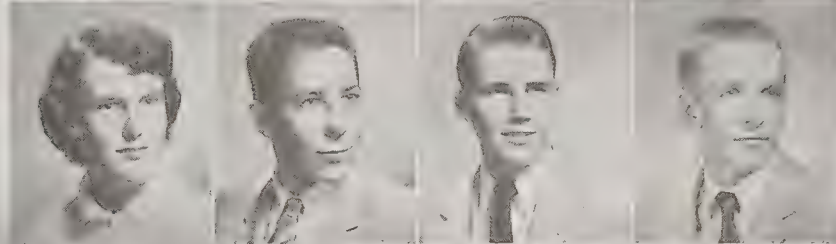
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Betty Pinson
Martha Price
Harl Prior



Wanda Ramsey
Myrna Ray
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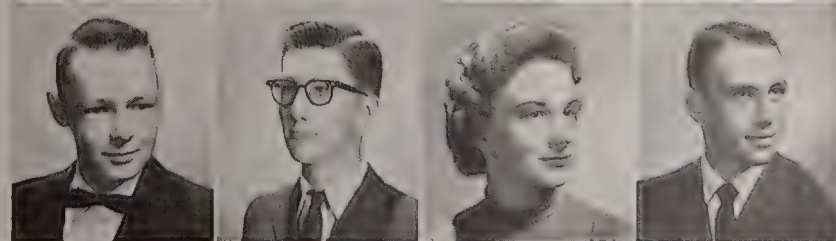
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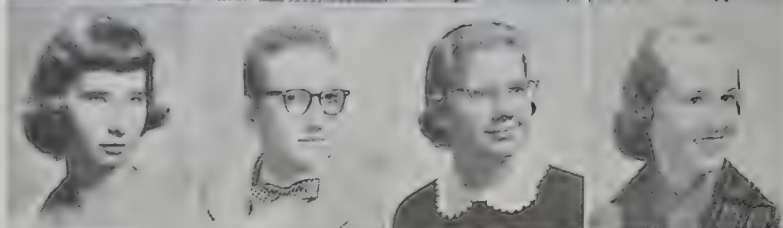
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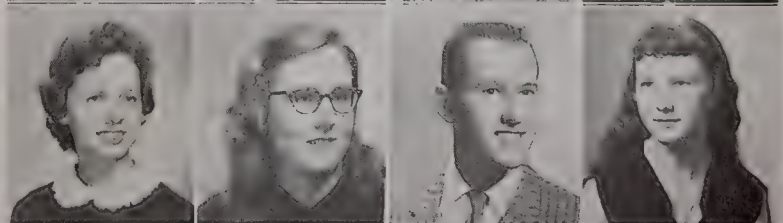
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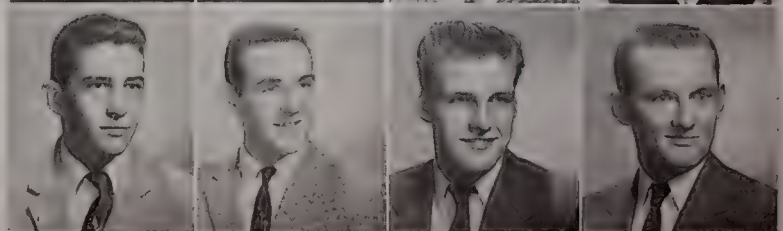
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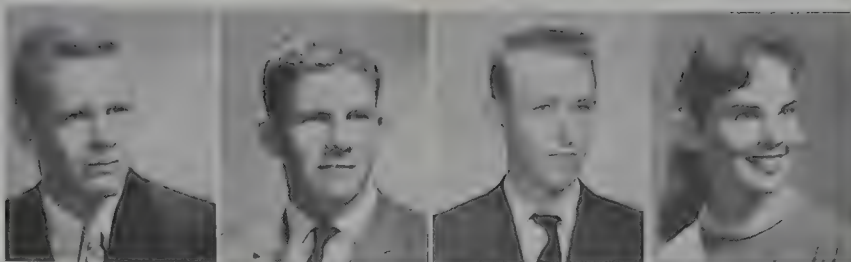
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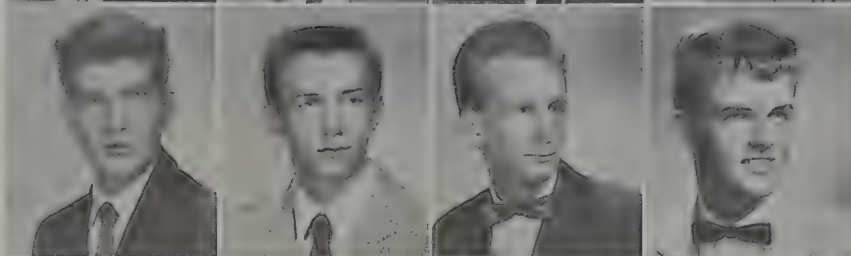
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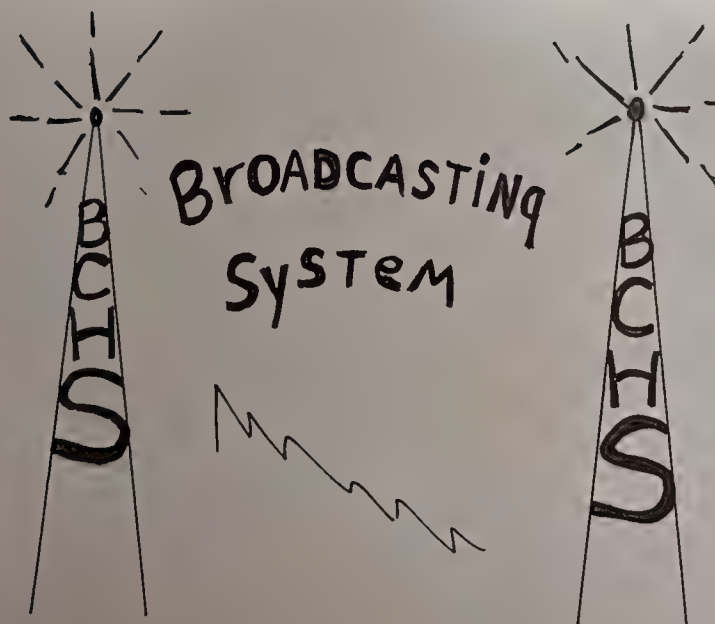
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Sophomore Class



We are the "silly sophomores" of Benton High School. In our second year of high school we participated in many school activities and thoroughly learned the routine of high school.

We will be looking forward to next year when we will be juniors and upperclassmen. We are familiar with all of the sounds of school and social life, and are very glad to graduate to the ranks of upperclassmen.

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Mary Bain

Lana Barminski

Juanita Barnfield

Farrel Bennett



Darla Biggs

Barbara Blunt

Richard Bohlander

Tom Bolen

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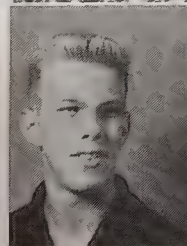
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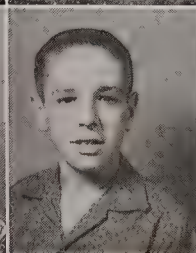
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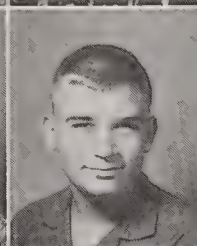
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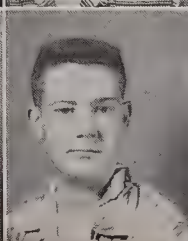
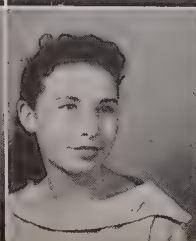
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Danny Falcomata
Nancy Fields
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Ann Fingerhut
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Janice Foster
Robert German
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Cindy Glover
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Peggy Graham
Denise Griffeth
Sharon Guy
Kay Haithcoat
John Richard Hamilton



Karen Hand
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Bill Haskins
Elizabeth Hayse



Linda Heard
Mary Ellen Hedges
Joyce Hefner
Judy Herbert
Gerald Higerson



Everett Hines
Roberta Hofstetter
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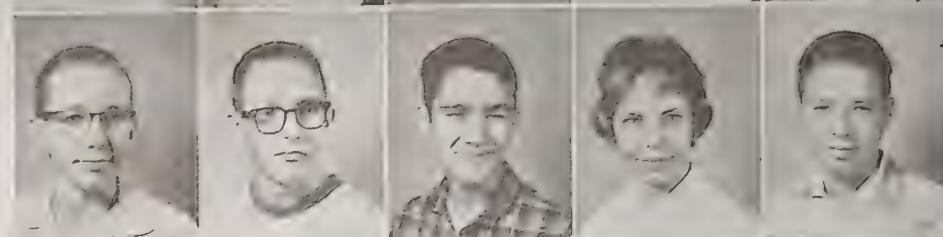
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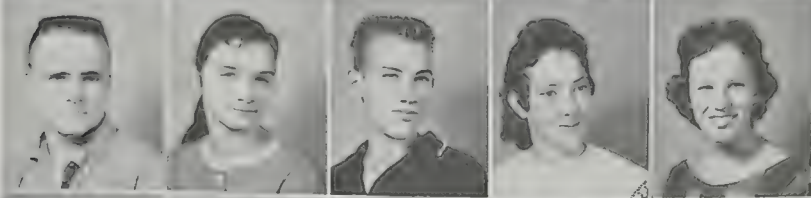




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Ronald Raby
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Edith Reed



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Gordon Rice
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Rosemary Rice
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Gary Ross



Sharon Rowe
Marilyn Ruemmler
Carol Reynolds
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Frank Sandusky
Ruth Ann Schulz
Carolyn Sears
Diane Shew
David Shockley



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Gary Sink
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Linda Smith
Sally Smith
Terry Smothers
Carolyn Sneed
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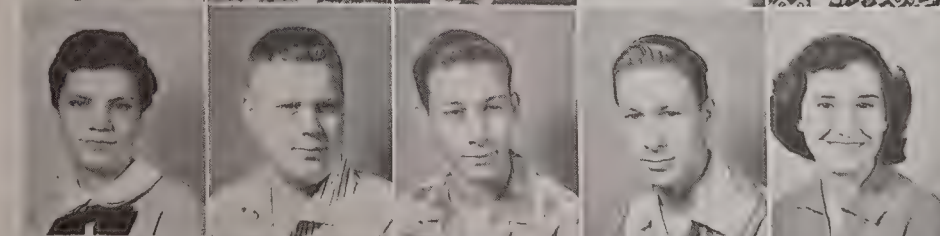
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Charles Williams
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Mary Winemiller



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Sue Woolard
Carol Wooten
Marie Zinzeletta
Brenda Van Horn





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Freshman Class



We are the green freshmen of Benton High School. At first we were bewildered, but as the year passed, we learned the ins and outs of high school life. We learned to study, and we developed interests in outside activities.

We are looking forward to our next three years of life at BCHS. We will have fun in the next three years, but we will always remember the thrill of our first year of high school.

Robert Asher
Doris Adams
Danny Alexander
Joyce Anderson
Terri Arnold



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Kenneth Bain
Thelma Baker
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Connie Flatt
Patty Frailey
Sam French
Jack Frick



Winona Fryer
Jean Gant
Ronnie Giacone
Mary Goodin
Carl Grammer



Joyce Graves
Georgia Groves
Alice Gunter
Curtis Gunter
Evelyn Hall



Wiley Hall
Billy Haney
Carol Haney
Ronnie Head
David Hefner



Herschel Hinks
Susan Hill
Carol Hofstetter
Judy Holm
Troy Holman



Jean Hopkens
Roy Hosick
Mary Ann Hughes
Randy Hlungate
Gary Hutchcraft



Lou Ann Johnston
Janet Keelen
Bob Kent
Sue Kerley
Kay Kerley



Martha Kern
Kern Kirk
Peggy Kornya
Jane Ellen Kraft
Cheryl Lampley



Elizabeth Landfried
Norma Langston
Janice Link
Ronnie Lynch
Dean Manis

Evelyn Marvel
 Jerry McCann
 Judy McCleron
 Terry McClendon
 Candace McClerran



Tommy McEndree
 Judy McKinnon
 George McKeown
 Jerry McPherson
 Linda Moore



Terry Moore
 Doyle Morris
 Carolyn Moss
 Betty Lou Neal
 Paul Neal



Rickie Nix
 Bob Orchid
 Patsy Pace
 Nancy Parrish
 Charles Paul



Pat Page
 Toni Paulavish
 Lela Pedigo
 William Perkins
 Jerry Perry



Jean Phillips
 Junior Phillips
 Kay Piercy
 Joan Pickard
 George Price



Val Pritchett
 Janice Prowell
 Alicia Puckett
 Virginia Reynolds
 Merry Reed



Glenda Rhine
 Sandie Richards
 Mike Roberson
 Wanda Roberts
 Robert Everett Robinson



Art Rockich
 Joe Rogers
 Ric Sassano
 Joyce Schram
 Shirley Scroggens



Pat Shankle
 Barbara Shankle
 Barbara Skelton
 Don Shockly
 Judy Short





Kenneth Slayton
Clodena Smith
Nelda Smith
Diana Smith
Patty Sneed



Charles Stelzriede
Warren Stewart
Dick Stull
Bill Sullivan
Cecil Sullivan



Rena Sullivan
Barbara Summers
Betty Summers
James Summers
Robert Summers



Nancy Swinney
Charles Taskoski
Eddie Tasky
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Crystal Taylor
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Mary Taylor
Robert Terry
Terry Thomas



Larry Wyant
Don Wyant
Kenneth Workman
Phyllis Winemiller
Ferrell Winemiller



Skip Williams
Ronald Williams
Alice Jean Willis
Richard Wilkerson
Eugene Wilkerson



Kenneth Ray Wilerson
Reta Wiggs
Diana Wiggs
Tom Whittington
Paula West



Josephine Wertz
Charles Webster
Bill Webber
Robert Waller
Adrin Walker



Janet Waldon
Diana Upchurch
David Upchurch
Karen Tittsworth
Tom Threewitt



These Rangers prepare for a victorious season.

SPORTS -- the thud of spikes on the track



Homecoming Queen

JUDY McCARTY, 1958 Homecoming Queen



JOYE MOORE



ANNETTE FRAILEY



JANE DILLON

VIRGINIA MILTON



SHARON MCCOLLUM

On Thanksgiving, November 27, 1958, BCHS students celebrated the Ranger victory of that afternoon at the annual Homecoming Dance which had the theme of "Blue Moon." The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Queen. The 1958 Homecoming Queen was Judy McCarty. She was elected by the varsity football team and was crowned by co-captains Jerry Pirtle and Joe West. The attendants were chosen by their respective classes.

DIANA SHEW



MARY LOU CHANCE



JUDY SHORT





Nate Johnson, Terry Deiro, Ward Johnson, Dave Bailey, Kenneth Bozovich, Paul De Groff.



Football

The Rangers got off to a flying start this season by defeating Metropolis, 44-0, but they were unable to keep up the winning pace because of injuries, lack of constituents, and because it was one of the smallest teams Benton has had in several years. After three wins and two losses, the Rangers completed the season by defeating West Frankfort, 22-0. This timely game put the Rangers in second place in the South Seven Conference.

This year the co-captains were Jerry Pirtle and Joe West. The other senior members were Alfred Lynch, Terry Deiro, Jeff Ferguson, Bill Gamble, Nealy Glenn, Phil Bailie, David Bailey, Ward Johnson, Vic Tasky, Larry Durham, and George Warren.

Roger Mundell, Kenneth Hutchens, Robert Jilek, Larry Burgess.

George Warren, Bill Gamble, Jerry Pirtle, Phil Bailie.



Jerry Pirtle and Joe West, Co-Captains.



Larry Durham, Alfred Lynch, Nealy Glenn.

Hold that line!



Jim Bain, Robert McMahon, Jeff Ferguson, Vic Tasky, Joe West, David Giacone.



Chance, Short, Shew, Rice

Cheerleaders

The cheerleaders of B.C.H.S. are a very active group of girls. They not only cheer at every football and basketball game, but also plan and are in charge of all pep sessions. They encourage students to back the team by attending games, and they boost the morale of the Rangers by giving them needed support.

The varsity squad consists of two seniors, Brenda Fisher and Eleanor Rice, and two juniors, Evelyn Payne and Brenda Payne. The Fresh-Soph cheerleaders are composed of two sophomores and two freshmen. They are Dee Rice, Diana Shew, Mary Lou Chance, and Judy Short.

Fisher, Rice, E. Payne, B. Payne



Up and Over!

With the sun in their eyes and the cheers of the crowd in their ears, the Rangers add another point in their 27-0 victory over Harrisburg.



Go! Go! Go!

Jerry Pirtle is making a fast dash for the goal line to give the Rangers 6 more points in their victory over Harrisburg on Armistice Day.



Push 'Em Back

"Hold that line" is the motto that the Rangers are carrying out as the Bulldogs try to break through the Ranger line.



Ward Johnson, *Tackle*

Alfred Lynch, *Guard*

Jerry Pirtle, *Co-Captain, Halfback*



Vic Tasky, *End*

Phil Bailie, *Halfback*

Kenneth Hutchens, *Fullback*

Varsity Football Squad



David Giacone, *End*

Roger Mundell, *Center*

Nate Johnson, *Tackle*

Joe West, Co-Captain, *End*



Bill Gamble, *Halfback*



Terry Deiro, *Tackle*



Larry Durham, *Guard*



Nealy Glenn, *Guard*



Jeff Ferguson, *Quarterback*



Kenneth Bozovich, *Guard*



Paul De Groff, *Guard*



Coaches and Managers

Ralph Davison, Head Coach; Gene Ernest and Glenn Trulove, Assistants.

We of BCHS believe that our coaching staff, consisting of Head Coach, Ralph Davison, and assistants Glenn Trulove and Gene Ernest, is the best in the state of Illinois. These men work diligently every night after school to develop and encourage students who participate in football, basketball, or track. Mr. Ernest coaches the freshmen and helps them to become accustomed to sports at BCHS, while Mr. Davison and Mr. Trulove work with the varsity.

The managers of the football and basketball team were Gary Miller, Paul Davis, and Mike Williams. These boys help the coaches by keeping all the equipment in shape for every game. They stay after school when the team practices, and the managers accompany the teams to all games. The coaches and managers are to be commended for their fine job in developing sports at Benton High School.

Mike Williams

Gary Miller

Paul Davis



Sports Scores, 1958 - 59

VARSITY FOOTBALL RESULTS

		OP	BCHS
Benton	vs Metropolis	0	44
Benton	vs Centralia	39	0
Benton	vs Marion	0	18
Benton	vs Murphysboro	21	0
Benton	vs Herrin	13	14
Benton	vs Assumption	18	7
Benton	vs Mt. Vernon	14	6
Benton	vs Eldorado	19	13
Benton	vs Harrisburg	0	27
Benton	vs West Frankfort	0	22

FRESH-SOPH FOOTBALL RESULTS

		OP	BCHS
Benton	vs Metropolis	0	40
Benton	vs Centralia	40	0
Benton	vs Marion	6	20
Benton	vs Murphysboro	12	26
Benton	vs Herrin	36	13
Benton	vs West Frankfort	6	68
Benton	vs Mt. Vernon	6	6
Benton	vs Eldorado	20	13
Benton	vs Harrisburg	14	68

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL SCORES

Benton	65	Harrisburg	24
Benton	57	Eldorado	38
Benton	45	West Frankfort	40
Benton	53	Eldorado	52
Benton	48	Harrisburg	25
Benton	57	Christopher	23
Benton	58	West Frankfort	43
Benton	62	Christopher	24

FROSH-SOPH BASKETBALL SCORES

Benton	71	Christopher	24
Benton	53	Mt. Vernon	57
Benton	45	Marion	52
Benton	43	Herrin	57
Benton	46	Harrisburg	55
Benton	41	Johnston City	35
Benton	35	West Frankfort	37
Benton	29	Mt. Vernon	38
Benton	52	Marion	42
Benton	38	West Frankfort	41
Benton	37	Herrin	56
Benton	48	Eldorado	38
Benton	76	Harrisburg	57
Benton	38	Centralia	46
Benton	48	McLeansboro	50
Benton	68	Murphysboro	58
Benton	47	Centralia	61

VARSITY BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Benton	73	Christopher	41
Benton	41	Mt. Vernon	57
Benton	66	Carbondale	59
Benton	69	Herrin	77
Benton	52	Harrisburg	57
Benton	52	Johnston City	49
Benton	68	West Frankfort	78
Benton	57	Mt. Vernon	56
Benton	71	Marion	64
Benton	59	West Frankfort	71
Benton	33	Herrin	52
Benton	70	Eldorado	55
Benton	58	Harrisburg	66
Benton	70	Centralia	89
Benton	64	Du Quoin	49
Benton	65	McLeansboro	56
Benton	80	Murphysboro	66
Benton	72	Assumption	52
Benton	81	Centralia	74

CENTRALIA TOURNEY

Benton	49	Collinsville	41
Benton	68	Pinckneyville	57
Benton	45	Herrin	70
Benton	68	Peoria Central	76

CHRISTOPHER TOURNEY

Benton	57	Chester	44
Benton	74	Murphysboro	65
Benton	58	Sparta	62

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Benton	24	Christopher	17
Benton	75	Johnston City	62
Benton	60	West Frankfort	59

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Benton	68	Harrisburg	67
Benton	49	Carmi	48

SUPER-SECTIONAL

Benton	50	Herrin	62
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JUNIOR VARSITY RESULTS

Benton	60	Christopher	57
Benton	89	Du Quoin	73
Benton	51	Assumption	33



Varsity Team: Robert McMahon, Larry Lewis, Joe Kimmel, Joe West, Vic Tasky, Tom Young, Bill Kerley, Terry Deiro, Robert Chapman, Jeff Ferguson, Curt Richerson, Ed Summers, Phil Bailie, Jim Richardson, and Tommy Saxe.

Basketball

Freshman-Sophomore Team: Bobby Orchid, Wiley Hall, Ernest Duckworth, Gene Mitchell, Mac Wynn, Randy Hungate, Richard Davis, Terry Thomas, Ed Tasky, Tom Whittington, Ronnie Head, and Rick Crawford.





Joe Kimmel tries a shot at the basket against Christopher in the Regional Tournament.



Vic Tasky makes the winning free throw with one second to go in the final game against the Redbirds.

Regional Champions

The Rangers got off to a flying start in the post-season basketball tournaments by defeating Christopher and then Johnston City. In the Championship game of the Regional Tournament, the underdog Rangers defeated West Frankfort, who previously defeated the Rangers two times. The Championship game was very thrilling, with Vic Tasky making the winning free throw with one second to go. The Rangers were met on the square by several hundred students and fans wishing them good luck in the Sectional Tournament.

Ferguson goes in for a lay up against West Frankfort.



Ferguson makes a basket as the Rangers start their first game of the Regional Tournament.





Vic Tasky, *Captain*



Jeff Ferguson



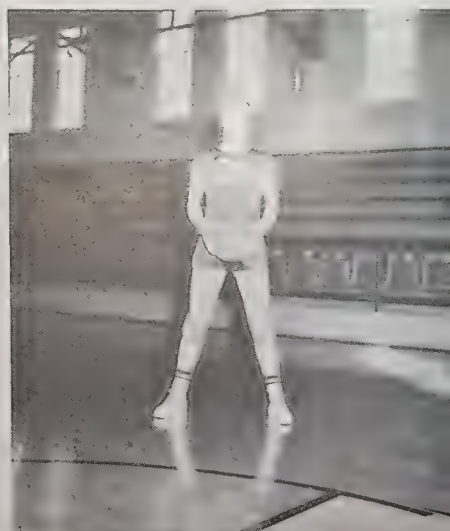
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Varsity Basketball Team

Terry Deiro



Joe West





Curt Richerson

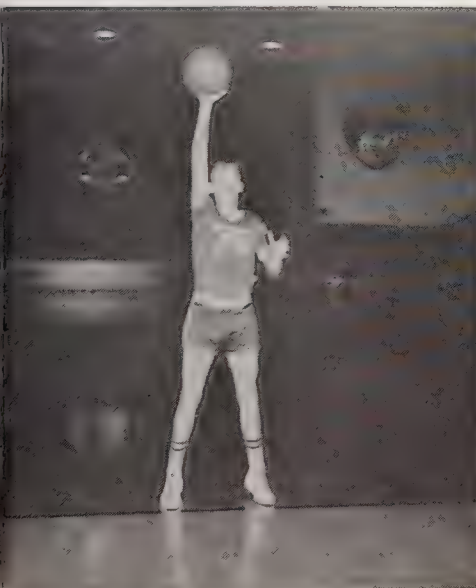


Robert Chapman



Joe Kimmel

Robert McMahon



Larry Lewis



Bill Kerley





The Benton Rangers receive help and encouragement in the Regional Tournament from their team-mates.

A Night to Remember



Gene Miller gets a helping hand in order to cut down the basket for Vic Tasky as a remembrance of his winning basket.



Cordell Cairel and Jeff Ferguson display their track ability, which greatly helped the Benton Rangers in the 1958 season. Cordell shows his style while winning the hurdles at the West Frankfort track meet.

TRACK—the crack of the starter's gun.

The Benton Ranger's track team of 1958 had several outstanding participants, including the hurdlers and the varsity shuttle relay team, winning the West Frankfort Relays 220 shuttle relay trophy.

Because of unfavorable weather conditions and lack of practice, the Rangers did not place high in the meets. But with the coaching of Davison, Trulove, and Ernest, three boys, West, Ferguson, and Cairel, participated in the state track meet at Champaign.

County Meet	- - -	Third Place
Mineral Area Relay—		
West Frankfort Relays	- - -	Ninth Place
Carbondale Relays —		
West Frankfort Meet*	- - -	Fifth Place
Freshman-Sophomore at		
West Frankfort*	- - -	Third Place
Pinckneyville Freshman-Sophomore —		
Southern Illinois District Track Meet	-	Seventh Place
*Conference Meets		





Captain Vic Tasky goes up for a shot against Carmi in the Championship game of the Sectional Tourney.

Sectional

The Rangers fight back in their struggle to defeat Carmi in the Eldorado Tourney.





The team is in a huddle and the cheerleaders lead the crowd in shouting encouragement to the team.

Champions

Jeff Ferguson drives in to start the Rangers on a scoring spree that leads the Rangers to victory.





The 1959 Sectional Champions: the victorious Benton Rangers after winning the Sectional Tourney at Eldorado.

Cinderella Team

The Rangers did it again. After trailing by 12 points at the half, and losing by 14 points at one time, the Rangers came from behind in the fourth quarter to win by one point on a basket by Vic Tasky. This was the third victory in three games in which the Rangers won by one point. By winning this game the Rangers earned the title of "Cinderella Team of the Sweet Sixteen." This Tourney Championship was the first since 1933, 26 years. The Rangers had a police escort back to Benton, and a crowd of several hundred people welcomed the team back to town.

Cap'n Tasky accepts the trophy for the Rangers in the Sectional Tournament.





The joyous Rangers congratulate each other and the coaches after their thrilling victory over Carmi.

of the "Sweet Sixteen"

Tasky, Tasky, He's our man; come on, fans, let's give him a hand.





The score is now 13 to 11 in Benton's favor.

State Tournament

The Rangers were defeated 62 to 50 in the first round of the State Tournament played at West Frankfort on March 17, 1959. The Herrin Tigers, the number two team in the state, managed to break the Rangers' eleven game winning streak. Although Benton did not finish in the State finals, we are still proud of our team and will back them all the way.

Joe West keeps the ball away from one of the Herrin Tigers.





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